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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$2,660.00 to cover the \$500.00 Appeal Brief fee and the \$2160.00 five month extension of time fee;
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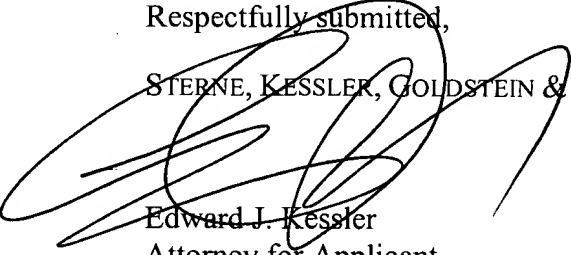
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